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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

EMANUEL THOMAS NEWMAN, Plaintiff	:	
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v.	:	Civil No. 1:CV-01-0677
	:	(Conner, J.)
RONALD L. JURY, Lieutenant, SIS, et al., Defendants	:	FILED ELECTRONICALLY
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DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF'S "MOTION FOR SUBPOENA DUCES TECUMS  
TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL WITNESS TO HIS WITNESS LIST AND  
TO CORRECT INFORMATION ON ANOTHER"

This is a failure to protect case filed under Bivens by a federal prisoner, Emanuel Thomas Newman. Defendants are two employees of USP Allenwood: Lieutenant Louis Caprio and Lieutenant James White. Newman alleges these staff members allowed him to be assaulted on May 14, 1999, by another inmate, Kevin Tinsley, despite the fact that Newman sought defendants' protection prior to the day of the assault. The case is presently set for trial. Jury selection is scheduled to commence on February 2, 2004.

On November 21, 2003, Newman filed a "Motion for Order of Multiple Writs of Habeas Corpus Duces Tecum Ad Testificandum." A "Supplemental Motion for Writ of Duces Tecum Ad Testificandum" was filed on December 2, 2003. Newman's motions list a total of

six inmates, twenty-four Bureau of Prisons' employees, and one civilian doctor he would like to call as witnesses at trial. The motions request the issuance of writs of habeas corpus ad testificandum to guarantee their appearance. A brief in opposition to the motion was filed on December 4, 2003.

Since that time, in a motion for continuance filed on December 16, 2003, Newman claims to have reduced his non-inmate witness list to seven persons. Doc. 90, p. 2.

Presently before the Court is a motion filed on December 10, 2003, in which Newman requests to amend the name and address of Dr. "Whyatt," the civilian doctor he misidentified in his previous filing. Newman also wishes to add another staff member to his witness list, Attorney K. Michael Sullivan. He therefore requests the Court "to issue a subpoenas [sic] duces tecum for the listed persons." Doc. 89, p. 2. Defendants submit the following in response.

### **Argument**

To the extent Newman requests the Court to issue the subpoenas and order the federal government paying their witness fees in light of his in forma pauperis status, defendants oppose the request. It is up to Newman to request and issue the subpoenas in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. It is also up to him to incur all costs

associated with the witnesses' appearance. However, all of this is moot if he cannot afford the expenses involved.

Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Newman is required to serve a subpoena upon these individuals and "by tendering to that person the fees for one day's attendance and the mileage allowed by law." See Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(b)(1).

Obviously, Newman leads the Court to believe that because he was granted in forma pauperis status, the burden and costs of producing the witnesses should be upon the Court and at the government's expense. Newman offers no law in support of this assertion most likely because there is no support for the position that in forma pauperis status indicates a free presentation of witnesses.

In forma pauperis status only allows Newman to proceed without prepaying the filing fee. Subsection (d) of the in forma pauperis statute found at 28 U.S.C. § 1915 provides in part that "[w]itnesses shall attend as in other cases, and the same remedies shall be available as are provided by law in other cases." Thus, Newman must proceed to trial as all other plaintiffs. That includes paying for all aspects of the litigation. Section 1915(d) does not provide the necessary authority for waiver of payment of witness fees. See McNeil v. Lowney, 831 F.2d 1368, 1373 (7th Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 485 U.S. 965 (1988); Cookish v. Cunningham, 787 F.2d 1, 5 (1st Cir.

1986); United States Marshals Service v. Means, 741 F.2d 1053, 1056-57 (8th cir. 1984) (en banc); Johnson v. Hubbard, 698 F.2d 286, 289-90 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 917 (1983).

"Witness fees clearly fall in the category of items such as trial transcripts, depositions, and other documents which the constitution does not require a court, or in practical terms, the federal government, to pay for at the request of the indigent party." Johnson v. Hubbard, 698 F.2d at 289 (emphasis added). Moreover, it is not only wrong to charge the government for a plaintiff's costs of trial merely because he is proceeding in forma pauperis and incarcerated, but it is unfair to the indigent, unimprisoned plaintiff, also proceeding in forma pauperis, who has abided by the law and remained out of jail yet who must bear the costs of suit.

In Tabron v. Grace, 6 F.3d 147 (3d Cir. 1993), the Third Circuit affirmed the district court's conclusion that it had no authority under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, or any other statute, to order the government to pay for deposition transcripts for an indigent litigant. 6 F.3d at 158. "There is no provision in the statute for the payment by the government of the costs of deposition transcripts, or any other litigation expenses, and no other statute authorizes courts to commit federal monies for payment of the necessary expenses in a civil suit brought by an indigent litigant." Id., citing Moss v. ITT Continental Baking Co., 83

F.R.D. 624, 625 (E.D. Va. 1979) (quoting Haymes v. Smith, 73 F.R.D. 572, 574 (W.D.N.Y. 1976)). (Emphasis added.) This position is consistent with the recently enacted Prison Litigation Reform Act, effective April 26, 1996, which modifies § 1915. See Rivera v. Disabato, 962 F. Supp. 38, 40 (D.N.J. 1997). Thus, Newman's motion for the production of these witnesses must be denied unless he is ordered to bear all of the costs involved with their appearance.<sup>1</sup>

**Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, Newman's motion should be denied.

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<sup>1</sup> Defendants reserve the right to object to the presentation of these witnesses based on duplicative testimony, jurisdiction, and relevancy.

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